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In re Patent Application of

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For: DOUBLE-SKIN TUBULAR
STRUCTURAL MEMBERS



MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 22, 2007, the period for response to which having been extended by three months to December 22, 2007, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-9 and 11 are pending.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3-9 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 4,142,555 to *Satake et al.* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,599,599 to *Mirmiran et al.* This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant's independent 1 claim recites, in combination with other claimed features, a filler material comprising a bound aggregate material provided between an outer tube and an inner tube. Applicant's independent claim 9 recites, in combination with other claimed features, inserting a bound aggregate as a filler material between an outer tube and an inner tube. These features encompass Applicant's exemplary embodiment illustrated in Fig. 1 wherein a double skin tubular structure member is provided having a fiber reinforced polymer outer tube 2 and an